

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prohibition and Excise Department - Certain deaths occurred due to consumption of illicit liquor by the villagers in Amalapuram Mandal & Ambajipet Mandal, East Godavari District between 24.1.2010 to 26.1.2010 - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, Station House Officer, Amalapuram, East Godavari District - Charges - Imposition of penalty of stoppage of three annual grade increments without cumulative effect - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1254

Dated:02.09.2010.

Read the following:-

1. From the C.PE, Letter Cr.No. Special-Peshi/2010, Dated 27.1.2010.
2. G.O.Ms.No.476, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:29.5.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.789, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:29.5.2010.
4. From Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, P&E Inspector, SHO, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post (on leave) written statement of defence dated 29.7.2010.

ORDER:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that (18) deaths occurred due to consumption of adulterated liquor by the villagers of G. Agraharam, Musalapally villages of Ambajipet Madal and Palagummi and Bandaru Lanka villages of Amalapuram Mandal between 24.1.2010 to 26.1.2010 and (178) persons were reported to have been hospitalized in the tragic incident. Government, after considering the report and the seriousness involved in the matter, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the responsible P&E personnel for their gross negligence in conducting checks and detecting the sale of illicit liquor in the jurisdictions of Ambajipet & Amalapuram Mandals, East Godavari District under rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 2nd read above. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, the following charges were framed against Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, Station House Officer, Amalapuram, East Godavari District with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge-I That, the said Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition and Excise Inspector SHO.Amalapuram has derelicted his duties which led to consumption of illicit liquor by the villagers of G. Agraharam, Musalapally villages of Ambajipeta Mandal and Palagummi and Bandaru Lanka Villages of Amalapuram Mandal between 24-1-2010 to 26-1-2010 and caused death of (18) persons and hospitalization of (178) persons. Thus, he has exhibited gross negligence towards his legitimate duties

Charge-II That, the said Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition and Excise Inspector SHO.Amalapuram has failed to control illicit distillation crime effectively in his jurisdiction which led to the above tragedy and thereby neglected his legitimate duties.

2. In the reference 4th read above, Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, Station House Officer, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post (on leave) has submitted his written statement of defence on the above two charges. He has stated that he joined as Station House Officer on 20.12.2009 ie., just before the incident and stated that his predecessor failed to control the crime in

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the jurisdiction and also not kept the vigilance against notorious ID sellers. He has further stated that the deaths caused due to consumption of "Methyl Alcohol" and he has stated that as per the instructions in force, the Prohibition & Excise Dept. have no regulatory control over the above chemical substance and he has further stated that the deceased persons might have consumed the Methanol out of innocence and presuming that it was ethyl alcohol, which gives intoxication. The individual, while submitting certain details of cases booked during his tenure as SHO, Amalapuram, has stated that there is no negligence on his part and requested the Government to drop the charge against him.

3. Government have examined the matter and observed that it is not a case of loss of revenue to recoup and it is a loss of human life. Government observed that the field functionaries such as the Accused Officer have utterly failed in controlling I.D liquor and its adulteration adulteration with Methanol which caused the death of 18 persona and hospitalization of 178 persons. Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, being the Station House Officer, Amalapuram has failed to control the sale of illicit liquor and he has to shoulder the responsibility as the deaths occurred in his jurisdiction. Hence, Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, P&E Inspector, former Station House Officer, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post (on leave) is responsible for not conducting proper checks / raids on brewing of illicitly distilled liquor and also detecting the sale of such illicit liquor in his jurisdiction due to which 18 persons lost their lives and 178 persons were hospitalized.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter and also the reasons mentioned at para 3 above, have decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of three annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, former Station House Officer, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post (on leave).

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of three annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, former Station House Officer, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post (on leave) under clause (iv) of rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

6. The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Ch. Ajay Kumar Singh, Prohibition & Excise Inspector, former Station House Officer, Amalapuram and presently working at Yedurulanka check post (on leave)

through the Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad

The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad.

(He is requested to serve the same on the individual and return the acknowledgment copy)

Copy to:

PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

The Revenue (Excise I) Department.

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SECTION OFFICER.